

HOUSE RESOLUTION 221
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Virginia Speck French of
Memphis, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Virginia Speck French; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Speck French was an exemplary person and gracious lady who
worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities;
and

WHEREAS, born on September 7, 1917 in Frenchman's Bayou, Arkansas, Virginia
Speck French was the daughter of the late Clarence Cyriel and Elizabeth Mae Weatherford
Speck; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong homemaker active in her community, Mrs. Speck was an avid
golfer and bridge player. She served as a volunteer and candy striper for Methodist Healthcare
Systems and was involved in numerous fund-raising activities sponsored by the Houston Levee
Golf Club; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Speck French was an active and devout member of Christ United
Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Speck French was also deeply devoted to her family, and she
always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Speck French enjoyed the loving companionship of Howard Francis
French and was the proud parent of Molly McCarley and Howard F. French, Jr. and grandparent
of three wonderful grandchildren and five treasured great grand-children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. French will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by sisters, Anne
Ruth Speck, Gladys Hyatt, and Jean Muncy and brothers, Leslie N. Speck and O.W. Speck; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Speck French leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion, and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Virginia Speck French, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. French.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.